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In re application of: I-Chao Chung

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For: DIFFERENTIAL LOCKING MECHANISM FOR  
A DRIVE AXLE ASSEMBLY

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 AND 1.98**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97 and 37 CFR 1.98 and in compliance with 37 CFR 1.56, Applicant hereby makes of record the patents, publication, or other information listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Office consider the patents, publications, or other information and make these of record in the subject application.

In accordance with the Pre-06 Notice of 7/11/2003, copies of each cited U.S. Patent and each U.S. Patent Application Publication, if any, are not enclosed. However, copies of the remaining patents and publications, if any, are enclosed herewith.

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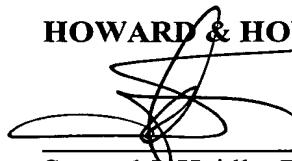
Regarding the foreign language documents, an English language abstract and claim of European Patent No. 0 321 335 is enclosed. German Publication No. 38 39 787 appears to disclose an actuator 12 for moving a member 8 into engagement with a plurality of discs 5,6. German Publication No. 198 48 582 appears to disclose some type of plate.

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